Report of Proceedings in Newspapers.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: Before we enter into the next business of the day I have to bring to your kind notice a matter of very great public importance. Last morning the very honourable friend, Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai drew the attention of the Chair to the publication of a report relating to the portion of a speech delivered by the very honourable member Mr. P. Balakrishnan Tampi. In so doing he did not place the whole facts before this House. (Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Question.) The facts he referred to were published in the issue of the Malayala Rajyam published on last Sunday and in the Bharatapatrika and the Malayali of Monday. I think you are aware that Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai is the Editor of the Bharatapatrika. In that very paper also that report had been published and I am very sorry that he attempted to hide these facts from the Chair. The intention, I believe, is obvious.

President: Order, order. The Chair can take notice of these factst only when they are brought to its notice in the formal and regular manner. It was pointed out to the Chair yesterday that the Malayala Manorama published certain proceedings in contravention of the etiquette relating to the matter. If it had been pointed out to me yesterday that other newspapers had been guilty of the same behaviour my remarks would have been extended to those newspapers also. My remarks, such as they were, and my ruling related not to a single newspaper though that newspaper's conduct was the particular matter brought to my notice, but to all newspapers which transgress the traditions and the etiquette in this House.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, on a point of personal explanation. My honourable friend Mr. Anirudhan in making the statement unnecessarily and quite improperly and unfairly made allegations against me, Sir. In the statement that I made yesterday I raised a general question and pointed out a fact that came to my notice. Even now I believe that the Malayala Rajyam, the Bharatapatrika and the Malayali that seem to have published the statement have not published it as the Malayala Manorama did with glaring headlines which will catch the eye of every one. The other papers merely stated that such and such incidents took place and there was not any such desire for publicity of this particular matter exhibited as in the Malayala Manorama.

President: I do not think it is necessary to go into the degree of publicity and the manner of publicity indulged in by various newspapers. (*Hear, hear.*) My ruling had reference to this question that any proceedings ordered by me as the representative

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and as the exponent of the policy of this House to be expunged from the proceedings of the House should not be published in the newspapers. Every newspaper had to respect and abide by that ruling. The extent of the infringement that may have taken place in a particular case is really beside the point. That is a matter for the public to judge. So far as this House is concerned, if it makes up its mind that certain proceedings ought not to be published, it is expected that as a matter of courtesy and etiquette that these proceedings would not be published in any newspaper to any extent.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : I was explaining as to how the reports in the other newspapers did not catch my attention and this particular paper caught my attention accidentally and to exculpate myself from the motive alleged against me.

President : I do not think honourable members of this House, at all events from the Parliamentary point of view, attribute motives to each other. They only point out facts and I am sure that Mr. Anirudhan did not want to attribute any motives.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan : No, Sir.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND VII—PUBLIC WORKS—(*contd.*)

Mr. James Fletcher (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Sir, the distress of the Nanjinad people could have been reduced to a minimum if the Public Works Department had forged ahead and did all they can to help irrigation in the proper time. I therefore suggest that the Public Works Department and the Chief Engineer will be ordered to prepare a three-year plan for the betterment of irrigation in Nanjinad.

I may also bring to your notice, Sir, this fact, namely, that the South Travancore sea coast line has no facility for the people there to carry on their trade on account of the poor roads or want of communications. I suggest that the Chief Engineer may inspect the South Travancore sea coast side and draw up a scheme for improving the communication on the coast line of South Travancore.

I may also bring to the notice of Government the fact that certain roads have been proposed to be constructed in the Neyyattinkara malarial area with the labour of the local people at the instance of the Government. Those roads have been constructed and the lands for those roads have been given by the people. But unfortunately after the construction of the roads were over, the necessary culverts and bridges were not constructed by the P. W. D., so much so that the roads are now useless. The amount of money spent for the roads and the lands given by the people have become absolutely useless. Therefore I suggest that something should be done to improve those roads and complete their usefulness.

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